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Old- Fashioned Barn Dance and Holiday Activities at the Preserve

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve announces the schedule of activities surrounding the July 4th holiday.

Friday, July 4 - A Day of Music and Cloggin'

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| 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Enjoy a day of music and clogging in the historic barn. Bring your instruments for jammin'. Clogging demonstrations at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. |
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Saturday, July 5 – Cookin', Clangin', Spinnin', and Dancin'


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| 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Ride in a covered wagon on the open prairie throughout the day. Rides occur approximately every 20 – 30 minutes. Visit with the hardworking blacksmith, view wool spinning demonstrations, and listen to historic music. |
| 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Learn about early cooking techniques while a meal is prepared using open flame, Dutch ovens, and the ranch cook stove. |
| 10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Special interpretive program on traditional cooking methods. |
| 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. | Watch history come alive when characters from the past enjoy a ranch- cooked meal as they discuss the upcoming holiday activities. |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Special interpretive program on historic wool spinning. |
| 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Enjoy an old- fashioned barn dance featuring live music by Tallgrass Express String Band in the 1880s limestone barn. No experience necessary, instructions provided. Refreshments served. |

Sunday, July 6 – Let the Games Begin

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| 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Join in the historic games of an old- fashioned egg- toss, rope jumping, hoop and stick, and a lively bucket brigade. All activities begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments served. |
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Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a public/private partnership with the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, and the Kansas Park Trust. Located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway), the preserve's historic ranch headquarters is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, e-mail tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494.

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